

# **Town of Riverdale Park**

**November 26, 2018**

**7:30 p.m.**

Public Hearing regarding consideration of an Ordinance authorizing the (i) reallocation of a portion of the proceeds of the previously issued Town of Riverdale Park Infrastructure Bond, 2013 Series A-2 and Town of Riverdale Park Infrastructure Bond, 2013 Series A-3 (the “Prior Bonds”) in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,103,875 to fund projects not originally authorized, (ii) prepayment of a portion of the Prior Bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,700,000, and (iii) use of a portion of the Prior Bonds to pay the transaction costs associated with such reallocation and prepayment.

## **In Attendance**

Alan K. Thompson, Mayor

CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1

CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM Hala Mayers, Ward 6

John N. Lestitian, Town Manager

Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk

Paul Smith, Finance and Employee Services Director

Ivy Lewis, Public Projects and Services Director

## **Call to Order**

Mayor Thompson called the public hearing to order at 7:38 p.m. and gave an overview of the purpose of the Public Hearing.

There were no public comments.

## **Adjournment**

CM Thompson adjourned the public hearing at 8:00 p.m.

**Town of Riverdale Park**  
**Work Session Minutes**  
**November 26, 2018**  
**8:00 p.m.**

**In Attendance**

Alan K. Thompson, Mayor  
CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1  
CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2  
CM Colleen Richardson, Ward 5  
CM Hala Mayers, Ward 6

John N. Lestitian, Town Manager  
Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk  
Paul Smith, Finance and Employee Services Director  
Ivy Lewis, Public Projects and Services Director  
David Morris, Police Chief

**Call to Order**

Mayor Thompson called the Work Session to order at 8:08 p.m.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Thompson deferred his report to the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Meeting.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Town Manager's Report**

Town Manager John N. Lestitian reported:

- Overview of staff response to trash issue at Park Tanglewood
- Discussion regarding pedestrian and traffic safety; planning a possible demonstration for Mayor and Council in early spring.
- Weather has not been conducive for leaf collection, specifically leaf vacuuming, and staff overtime will be needed to get caught up.
- Calendar year is coming to a close and staff will be presenting the Mayor and Council with a list of accomplishments for 2018 and staff goals for 2019.
- Budget season is starting and a budget schedule will be distributed in mid-December
- Children's Holiday Party will be held this Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Town Hall
- Prince George's County Department of Social Services will be holding ESL classes for Riverdale Elementary School parents at Town Hall starting December 6<sup>th</sup>
- Riverdale Park Toy Drive: donations of new and unwrapped toys may be dropped off to Town Hall or the Police Department.

**Council Committee & Ward Reports**

**CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1**

CM Marsha Dixon deferred her report to the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Meeting.

### **CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2**

CM Aaron Faulx deferred his report to the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Meeting.

### **CM Colleen Richardson, Ward 5**

CM Colleen Richardson deferred her report to the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Meeting.

### **CM Hala Mayers, Ward 6**

CM Hala Mayers deferred her report to the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Meeting.

### **Discussion Items**

1. 7-Eleven #37240 (SP-150003-01): Request for a Special Permit for the addition of a ground-mounted freestanding sign at 6315 Baltimore Avenue

Mayor Thompson reported that the Riverdale Park Mixed-Used Town Center (M-UTC) Local Design Review Committee had reviewed the Special Permit request, heard from the applicant's representatives, and ultimately recommended against granting a Special Permit.

Mayor Thompson stated that the applicant's representative had argued that a sign had previously existed in that location and the trash can near the intersection was more of a sight hindrance than the proposed sign.

CM Faulx asked who was responsible for the trash can. Town Manager Lestitian replied that staff would find out and if it was Town-owned then the trash can would be moved and if it was not then the request would be made for it to be moved.

Resident Sheila Smith stated that the proposed sign would be a real hazard and the previous sign was much shorter and you could see under it.

CM Dixon stated that it was recommended to the applicant that they speak with the owners of the JD Williams building to see if vegetation could be trimmed to assist with visibility.

2. Draft Voter Registration form

CM Lingua asked if the Town would be providing Voter Registration cards. Town Clerk Barnes reported that they were not planned for at this time. CM Dixon stated that Voter Registration cards were not required in order to vote.

CM Lingua requested that the residency requirement be clarified on the voter registration form.

3. Update on defeasance and reallocation of 15-year and 30-year CDA loans

Town Manager Lestitian clarified that the Town was not taking on any new debt and was actually lowering the Town's debt service. Town Manager Lestitian also stated that the Mayor and Council were not obligated to undertake any projects on the list of eligible uses.

4. Update regarding Defined Contribution Plan Enhancements

Finance Director Paul Smith stated that staff have been working with the Town's Defined Contribution Plan attorney and a resolution and plan document were included in the meeting materials for the Mayor and Council's review.

5. Vision and Commitment to Transportation

Public Projects and Services Director Ivy Lewis presented a draft Vision and Commitment statement for Transportation.

Mayor Thompson stated that a commitment to accessibility needed to be included in the Vision and Commitment statement.

Town Manager Lestitian stated that this item would be scheduled for the next several meetings to provide several opportunities for input.

CM Faulx asked if the statement included promoting physical health through walking or something similar. Mayor Thompson stated that the concept had also been included in previously adopted Vision and Commitment statements.

CM Lingua expressed concerns regarding the complexity of certain aspects of the Vision and Commitment statement.

6. Street closing of Town Center parking lot from midnight December 14, 2018 to 9:00 p.m. on December 15, 2018 for Holiday Market and Festival of Lights (Ward 1)

CM Lingua stated that the street closing could be added to the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Consent Agenda.

7. Draft 2019 Council Calendar

Mayor Thompson stated that he would review the dates and notify staff if there were any issues. The Council discussed the proposed dates for the public hearings on the FY2020 Budget.

8. Minutes

Mayor Thompson requested that any concerns regarding the minutes be directed to the Town Clerk.

**Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

**New Business**

- CM Faulx stated that he was glad that ESL classes were going to be held at Town Hall. CM Faulx also stated that he wanted to explore opportunities for the Town to provide some English language services as well.

- CM Dixon discussed having Bates Trucking and Trash (Bates) provide trash collection services to the Riverdale Park residents living in the Arts District. Town Manager Lestitian reported that the Town was in the final year of the contract extension with Bates and trash collection services would be going out to bid in early 2019. Town Manager Lestitian stated that staff needed direction from the Mayor and Council regarding this issue for the FY2020 budget preparation. Town Manager Lestitian stated that it was not a budgeted item in FY2019 and based on the current Bates contract it would be approximately \$8200 to provide trash collection services to the Riverdale Park EYA residents.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.